

EXHIBIT 16

STATEMENT OF

Maurice Wright

Taken May 29-00 at 10:30 PM

At Area 4 Violent Crimes 3151 W. Harrison

Present: ASA Thomas Mahney

Det Tony Breyer #224 - Sheriff's Police

This statement taken regarding the Robbery and Fatal Shooting

of Marek Majdak which occurred on May 13-2000
at 1:00 AM at 4721 W. Ohio, Chicago, IL

~~I understand I have the right to remain silent and that anything I say can be used against me in a court of law. I understand that I have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with me during questioning, and if I cannot afford to hire a lawyer one will be appointed by the court to represent me before any questioning. Understanding these rights, I wish to give a statement.~~

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After being advised that Assistant State's Attorney Thomas Mahney is a lawyer and a prosecutor and that his lawyer is Jerome Long's lawyer, Maurice Wright agreed to give the following statement which is a summary and not word for word.

Maurice Wright states that he is 20 years old and his birthday is July 15, 1979. Maurice Wright states that he graduated from Montez High School in Chicago. Maurice Wright states that he can read and write English.

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Maurice Wright states that he lives at 4653 W. Erie in Chicago with his

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Maurice Mary Curry, with his 3 brothers
 and three sisters, Maurice Wright
 states that on May 1st 2000 he was
 at his house in the basement playing
 007 video game with Jaronie Long,
 who he calls Vani, Boss Hog, Shkey
 and 2 girls named Tina and 1 girl
 whose name he doesn't know. Maurice
 Wright states that they were in his
 basement at around 11:30 P.M. playing
 007 video game. Maurice Wright states
 that he is a New Breed gang member.
 Maurice Wright states that Vani is a
 member of the Imperial Home Vice
 Lords and Shkey is a member of the
 Imperial Home Vice Lords. Maurice Wright
 states that Exhibit A is a photo of
 Jaronie Long or Vani and Exhibit
 B is a photo of Shkey. Maurice
 Wright states that while they were
 playing video games there was a
 conversation about how they used
 to shoot at other gangs and get stars.
 Maurice Wright states that Vice Lords
 get stars for killing other people.

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Maurice Wright stated that Shoken said he had all five of his stars. Maurice Wright states that Vani said he didn't have any stars. Maurice Wright states that when Vani said this everyone started to laugh at Vani. Maurice Wright states that this made Vani mad and Vani said "Fuck y'all." Maurice Wright states that he left the house to go to Melvin's house to look for some weed. Maurice Wright states that Vani and Trina stayed at his house all night. Maurice Wright states that he left his house on or off on May 12, 2020 and saw his friend Bubba on Superior and Kilpatrick. Maurice Wright states that Bubba was driving a grey cutlass and there was a girl in the house. Maurice Wright states that they dropped this girl off at Erie and Cicero and pick up another girl at Erie and Cicero by a school. Maurice Wright stated that they drove to Bubba's house just off Lacombe. Maurice Wright states

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that he went into Bubba's house and had sex with the girl. Maurice Wright states that after the friends having sex he told Bubba and Bubba told him to wait in the car. Maurice Wright states that he went back to the grey cutlass. Maurice Wright states that he was in the grey cutlass at about 1:00 or 2:00 AM on May 13, 2000. Maurice Wright states that Vani and Zay pulled up in a Dark Taurus. Maurice Wright states that Zay said "This crayed mother fucker just shot a mother fucker." Maurice Wright states that Vani pulled Zay out of the car. Maurice Wright states that Vani said "guess what I got" and Vani showed him a \$100 dollar and 2-\$50 bills. Maurice Wright ^{A.S. m. w. J.M.} states Vani asked him if he wanted any money and Maurice told Vani the number that money to get out of town. Maurice Wright states that Vani cried and hugged him. Maurice Wright states

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that him, Zay and Voni got into the
 Taurus and drove to Maurice Wright's
 house on Erie. Maurice Wright states
 that Voni and Zay stayed at his house
 and Maurice walked from his house
 to Cicero and Ohio where he saw police
 and saw blood on the sidewalk. Maurice
 Wright states he walked back home and
 went in the house and walked in
 the house with Voni and Zay. Maurice
 Wright states they all went to sleep.

Maurice Wright states that Voni and
 Zay wake him up around 11:00 AM
 on May 13, 2000. Maurice Wright
 states that Voni told him that he
 threw the gun down on railroad tracks
 by Chicago Avenue. Maurice Wright
 states that Voni told him Zay was
 with him when ^{THROWING} ~~he~~ ^{he} threw the gun
 on the tracks. Maurice Wright states
 that Voni told him about the shooting
 of the white guy early in the morning
 of May 13, 2000. Maurice Wright
 states that Voni said that the white guy
 pulled in a van and asked for
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"blows". Maurice Wright states that "blows" is a street term for heroin. Maurice Wright states that Vani told him that Vani grabbed money out of the white guy's hand. Maurice Wright states Vani said he told the white guy "Fuck you pig". Maurice Wright states that Vani told him the white guy got out of the van and swung on Vani. Maurice Wright states that Vani told him he punched the white guy and knocked him down. Maurice Wright states that Vani told him he pulled out a .45 automatic pistol and shot the guy once in the head. Maurice Wright states that Zay was present for the entire conversation. Maurice Wright states that Exhibit C is a photo of Zay. Maurice Wright states that he has been beaten well by the police and by Assistant States Attorney Mahoney. Maurice Wright states that he smoked cigarettes and used the washroom when he needed to. Maurice Wright states that he slept whenever he wanted to while he has been at the police station. Maurice Wright states that he was given food to eat and beer to drink at the police station. Maurice Wright states that nobody promised Det. Sergeant *ASA Thomas Mahoney Maurice Wright

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him anything in exchange for this statement and he is giving this statement voluntarily. Maurice Wright states that nobody threatened him or abused him in any way. Maurice Wright states that he is free from the effects of drugs and alcohol. Maurice Wright states Exhibit D is a photo of Shakir and Exhibit E is a photo of Boss Hog.

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Maurice Wright states that he read and write English and demonstrated this by reading the first paragraph of page 11 aloud to ASA Mahoney. Maurice Wright states that ASA Mahoney then read the rest of this seven page statement aloud to him. Maurice Wright states that he signed each page and ASA Mahoney and Detective Boggins signed each page. Maurice Wright states that he made any changes and corrections that he wanted to make.

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